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TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS
of the
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New Hampshire

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Committee

Ad. Comm. (two years)

Terry Green (one year)

Joe Scheller (one year)

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1996

Harold B. Brown	Selectman Emeritus
Wayne E. Vlk	Selectman for three years
Stephen Davis	Selectman for two years
Roy Ames, Jr.	Selectman for one year
Arthur Morrison	Moderator
Deborah Vlk	Treasurer
Linda Brown	Town Clerk
Kae Page	Tax Collector
Richard Blodgett	Road Agent
Peter Chierichetti	Police Chief
Selectmen	Health Officer
Eleanor Murray	Town Trustee for one year
Palmer Koelb	Town Trustee for two years
Clark Hill	Town Trustee for three years
Maurice Muzzey	Library Trustee for one year
Cay N. Thayer	Library Trustee for two years
Lorraine Murphy	Library Trustee for three years

ELECTION OFFICERS FOR 1996

Arthur Morrison	Moderator
Harold B. Brown	Supervisor Checklist
Donald L. Campbell	Supervisor Checklist
Jeffrey P. Emery	Supervisor Checklist

BALLOT CLERKS

Lorraine Gove	Linda Brown
Ruth Gilbert	Virginia Gove

PLANNING BOARD

Richard Gowen, Chairperson	Ronald Woods
Dawn Gove, Secretary	Edward Waldron
Stephen Welch	Eugene Page
Wayne E. Vlk, Selectman	

AUDITORS

Janice Comeau	Raymond Hutchins
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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Commissioners	
Palmer Koelb, Chairperson (two years)	Ash Eames (two years)
Sherilyn Mahoney, Clerk (two years)	Terry Gowen (one year)
	Ilse Scheller (one year)

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Town of Wentworth
WARRANT FOR 1997 TOWN MEETING

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs,

TAKE NOTICE AND BE WARNED that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wentworth, New Hampshire, will be held at the Wentworth Town Hall, in Wentworth, on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. to act upon the following subjects:

(The polls will open at 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. to vote on Article 1, (the election of Town Officers). All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 7 p.m)

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town as provided in RSA 72:39-b. The question to be voted on as required by RSA 72:39-b, I (c) is as follows:

“Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from the property tax in the Town of Wentworth, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$5,000;

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$10,000;

For a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.”

(Comment: This question must be voted on by printed ballot. If a majority of those voting on the question vote yes, the elderly exemptions shall take effect on April 1, 1997.)

3. To see what sum the Town will appropriate to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

4. To receive reports from the Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditors, Tax Collector and other Town Officers and to vote on any motion relating to these reports.

5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of \$13,500 for the construction of a Town Highway Building and to designate the Selectmen as agents of the Town to withdraw all funds from the Town Maintenance Building Capital Reserve

Fund and to expend such funds for the purpose of this vote.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of contributing to the cost of a new ambulance for the Warren/Wentworth FAST Squad.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing the Atwell Hill Road.

8. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the Hooper Hill Road from Route 25 through to the Thayer Road as a Class V highway land to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for repairs to said road, as provided in RSA 231:22-a.

9. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that portion of the Thayer Road extending from its intersection with the South Wentworth Road to the northerly end of the bridge over South Branch Brook, as provided in RSA 231:43. (Written notice has been given to all owners of property abutting that portion of the highway to be discontinued, at least 14 days prior to the vote of the Town.)

10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Town highways and bridges for the ensuing year (summer and winter).

11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,000 to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for snow removal and/or road equipment.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to maintain the Police Department.

13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Library.

14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the Warren/Wentworth FAST Squad for operating expenses.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,507 for the following Health Agencies and Organizations:

Visiting Nurse Alliance of NH/VT	\$ 1,650
Mt. Moosilauke Health Center	2,500
Tri County CAP	850
Pemi Baker Youth Services	400
Task Force Against Domestic Violence	500
Grafton County Senior Citizens	350
American Red Cross	257

16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the

maintenance of the Fire Department.

17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Town transfer facility.

18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the hauling and disposing of solid waste from the Town transfer facility.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund towards purchasing a new fire truck.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

20. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for the Parks and Recreation Commission for the maintenance of parks, including the Common and Hamilton Memorial Field.

21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$18,600 for the purpose of the new police cruiser and to designate the Selectmen as agents to withdraw \$8,600 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund to expend for the purpose of this vote, and the balance to be raised from taxes.

22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100 for Town's share of the cost of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the Conservation Commission in connection with its activities for such purposes and such uses as deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquiring a police cruiser.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350 for the continuance of the Baker Audio-Visual Center established by a Federal grant in 1974.

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,556 as the Town's share for the operation of the North Country Council.

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900 for the Planning Board.

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for the costs and expenses associated with pest and animal control.

29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

30. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Dated this _____ day of February, 1997.

WENTWORTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Stephen G. Davis, Chairman
Roy H. Ames, Jr.
Wayne E. Vlk

A true copy attest:

WENTWORTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Stephen G. Davis, Chairman
Roy H. Ames, Jr.
Wayne E. Vlk

RETURN

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the 1997 Annual Town Meeting described herein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other place in the Town of Wentworth, namely the _____, fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

DATED this _____ day of February, 1997

WENTWORTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Stephen G. Davis, Chairman
Roy H. Ames, Jr.
Wayne E. Vlk

This Warrant and Return of Posting have been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Wentworth, New Hampshire, this _____ day of February, 1997.

Linda Brown, Town Clerk

WENTWORTH CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS 1997

1. Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for snow removal and/or road equipment.
2. Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for purchasing a new fire truck.
3. Emergency Communications Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1993/Title change Art #16 in 1996 Warrant).
4. Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1993).
5. Town Maintenance Building Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1994).
6. Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1994).
7. Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1995).
8. Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. (established in 1996).

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR 1997

The Board is pleased to report that the major projects that were approved by the Town have been mostly completed. These include the replacement of the bridge over Pond Brook on the Nichols Hill road, and the rebuilding of Red Oak Hill Road. There are still some repairs left to do in South Wentworth.

This year, the Board is submitting for your consideration a request to reconstruct Atwell Hill Road, and reconstruction of the Ellsworth Hill Road. The Town has demonstrated its ability to continue with the gradual improvements to its roads and bridges without adverse impact to the Tax Rate, and the Board feels this steady approach is the best way to get the job done.

The last bridge needing critical attention is the double span bridge across the South Branch of the Baker that services the Thayer (Gowen) Road. This bridge has been l"Red Listed" by the State and must be replaced. The Board is submitting for your consideration a Warrant article to close this bridge and reopen the Hooper Hill Road. This will be the most cost effective means to provide a serviceable access to these homes. Replacement of this bridge is estimated to cost the Town between \$100,000 and \$125,000 with a 3 year lead time.

We are also requesting to withdraw funds from Town Maintenance Building capital reserve fund and build the Town Highway Building this year. We now have a dump truck and backhoe to store, and are planning to lease a ton truck. This equipment must be kept under cover. The building will be constructed on the lower lot of the Town dump property. Many thanks to Rick Borger and Richard Gowen Jr. for their donated efforts to prepare this lot for construction.

Finally, we are pleased to report that financially the Town is in excellent health. We currently enjoy a 20% fund surplus that the Board is going to use to stabilize tax rates. We also anticipate significant new total valuations with new industry and building taking place all across the community. With a steady hand, and realistic expectations of what is achievable and affordable, we should be able to see needed improvement in Town services. It is important to everyone in our community regardless of income level for your Town to hold the line on costs. This Board is committed to do just that.

Stephen G. Davis, Chairman

Roy H. Ames Jr.

SELECTMEN OF WENTWORTH

Richard F. Borger Jr.

TOWN OFFICERS PAID

Selectman - Chairperson	1,300.00 per year
Selectman	1,000.00 per year
Selectman	1,000.00 per year
Town Administrator	17,998 per year
Town Clerk	300.00 per year
Treasurer	750.00 per year
Moderator	100.00 per meeting
Supervisors of Checklist	5.00 per hour
Chief of Police	7.00 per hour
Ballot Clerks	5.00 per hour
Tax Collector	1,200.00 per year
Road Agent	9.50 per hour
Dog Constable	125.00 per year
Keeping Books, Town Trustees	100.00 per year

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF WENTWORTH, N.H.

	Acct. Nos.	Appropriations Y/E 12/31/96	Expenses 12/31/96	Requested 12/31/97
General Government				
Executive	F-4130	\$25,747.00	\$32,689.75	\$25,747.00
Election & Registration	F-4140	3,000.00	3,719.74	1,600.00
Financial Admin. Exp.	F-4150	23,000.00	25,788.51	29,180.00
Revaluation of Prop.	4152	0.00	907.97	0.00
Legal Expenses	F-4153	4,000.00	3,795.53	4,000.00
Planning Board - Art #27	4191	900.00	183.35	900.00
General Government	F-4194	1,000.00	255.00	1,000.00
Insurance	F-4196	18,000.00	22,150.00	22,150.00
Advertising & Assoc. - Art #26	4197	1,280.00	674.93	1,556.00
FICA Expense	F-4198	7,000.00	7,679.80	8,000.00
Other Government	4199	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense		\$83,927.00	\$97,844.58	\$94,133.00
Public Safety				
Police - Art #12	4210	\$13,175.00	\$14,243.20	\$15,319.39
Ambulance (Fast Squad) - Art #14	4215	3,053.00	3,053.00	3,000.00
Fire - Art #16	4220	18,550.00	13,895.25	18,250.00
Emergency Management	4290	4,100.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense		\$38,878.00	\$31,191.45	\$36,569.39
Highways & Streets				
Highways & Streets - Art #10	4312	\$104,500.00	\$113,860.18	\$100,000.00
Bridges	4313	13,100.00	34,951.08	0.00
Street Lighting	F-4316	3,500.00	2,783.84	3,500.00
Repaving & Reconstruction				
Art #7 & #8	4319	30,000.00	54,316.62	70,000.00
Total Expense		\$151,100.00	\$205,911.72	\$173,500.00
Sanitation				
Solid Waste Maintenance - Art #17	4323	\$5,070.00	\$5,767.70	\$5,070.00
Solid Waste Disposal- Art #18	4324	16,000.00	15,074.53	16,000.00
Clean-up - Art #17	4325	500.00	1,375.62	500.00
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste Dist.				
Art #22	4329	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total Expense		\$21,670.00	\$22,217.85	\$21,670.00
Health				
Pest Control - Art #28	4414	\$400.00	\$336.30	\$400.00
Health Agencies & Hosp. - Art #15	4415	6,515.00	6,258.00	6,507.00
Total Expense		\$6,915.00	\$6,594.30	\$6,907.00

	Acct. Nos.	Appropriations Y/E 12/31/96	Expenses 12/31/96	Requested 12/31/97
Welfare				
Direct Assistance	F-4442	\$2,000.00	\$1,378.95	\$4,000.00
Intergov. Welfare Payments	4444	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Welfare	F-4449	0.00	0.00	1,900.00
Total Expense		\$2,000.00	\$1,378.95	\$5,900.00
Culture and Recreation				
Parks and Recreation - Art #20	4520	\$2,335.00	\$1,613.89	\$1,500.00
Library - Art #13	4550	8,698.00	8,698.00	10,489.00
Patriotic Purposes	F-4583	100.00	227.80	200.00
Baker River Audio Visual Center				
Art #25	4589	1,300.00	350.00	350.00
Total Expense		\$12,433.00	\$10,889.69	\$12,539.00
Conservation				
Purchase of Natural Resource	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Conservation	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conservation Comm. - Art #23	4611	861.00	585.65	500.00
Total Expense		\$861.00	\$585.65	\$500.00
Redevelopment & Housing	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Economic Development	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Service				
Prin.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	F-4711	\$24,800.00	\$39,732.75	\$83,031.25
Interest-Long Term B/N	F-4721	11,650.00	12,159.38	11,251.54
Interest on TAN	F-4723	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Refunds	F-4790	3,500.00	639.30	3,500.00
Total Expense		\$41,450.00	\$52,531.43	\$99,282.79
Capital Outlay				
Land & Improvements	4901	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mach., Veh. & Equip. - Art #21	4902	152,871.00	58,261.00	18,600.00
Buildings - Art #5	4903	23,975.00	0.00	25,000.00
Improvements-Not Buildings	4903	0.00	0.00	
Total Expense		\$176,846.00	\$58,261.00	\$43,600.00
Operating Transfers Out				
To Special Revenue Fund	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
To Capital Projects Shed	4913	0.00	0.00	
To Enterprise Fund	0	0.00	0.00	
Sewer	0	0.00	0.00	
Water	0	0.00	0.00	
Electric	0	0.00	0.00	

	Acct. Nos.	Appropriations Y/E 12/31/96	Expenses 12/31/96	Requested 12/31/97
To Capital Reserve Funds				
6-11-19-24-29	4915	17,000.00	20,100.00	\$12,000.00
To Trust & Agency Funds	0	0.00	0.00	
Wentworth Elem School				
School Warrant	4932	538,654.00	478,207.00	595,223.00
Pemi-Baker Regional School	4933	242,918.00	267,918.00	279,079.00
Total Expense		\$798,572.00	\$766,225.00	\$886,302.00
Total All Appropriations		\$1,334,652.00	\$1,253,631.62	\$1,380,903.18

	Acct. No.	1996	1996 Spent	1997 Request
Fixed Charges				
Executive	4130	\$25,747.00	\$32,689.75	\$25,747.00
Election & Registration	4140	3,000.00	3,719.74	1,600.00
Financial Admin. Exp.	4150	23,000.00	25,788.51	29,180.00
Legal Expenses	4153	4,000.00	3,795.53	4,000.00
General Government	4194	1,000.00	255.00	1,000.00
Insurance	4196	18,000.00	22,150.00	22,150.00
FICA Expense	4198	7,000.00	7,679.80	8,000.00
Street Lighting	4136	3,500.00	2,783.84	3,500.00
Welfare	4442/4449	2,000.00	1,378.95	5,900.00
Patriotic Purposes	4583	100.00	227.80	200.00
Prin.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	4711	24,800.00	39,732.75	83,031.25
Int.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	4721	11,650.00	12,159.38	11,251.54
Int. on TAN	4723	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Refunds	4790	3,500.00	639.30	3,500.00
Total		\$128,797.00	\$153,000.35	\$200,559.79
Diff.			\$24,203.35	\$71,762.79

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

		1996 Assessed Valuation	Totals
Value of Land Only	Acres		
Current Use	15,638.74	898,367	
Residential	14,717.84	19,329,386	
Commercial/Industrial	63.44	441,860	
Total of Taxable Land			20,669,613
Value of Buildings Only			
Residential		24,386,126	
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		606,040	
Commercial/Industrial		1,699,850	
Total of Taxable Buildings			26,692,016
Public Utilities			
Electric	53.72		<u>9,056,500</u>
Valuation Before Exemptions			56,418,129
Blind Exemption		1 - 15,000	
Elderly Exemption		24 - 245,000	
			<u>260,000</u>
Net Valuation On Which The Tax Rate Is Computed			56,678,129
Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Estimated Tax Credits
Other War Service Credits	\$50/\$100	54	2,850
Utility Summary (Electric)			
New England Hydro Trns			7,282,137
New England Power			427,042
N.H. Electric Coop			<u>1,347,321</u>
Total			9,056,500
Elderly Exemption Count			
Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption 1996			
20 at \$5,000		\$ 165,000	
1 at 15,000		15,000	
4 at 20,000		80,000	
			260,000

CURRENT USE REPORT

	Section A Applicants Granted In Prior Years	Section B New Applicants Granted For Current Year	Totals of Sections A & B
	No. of Acres	No. of Acres	No. of Acres
Farm Land	319.61	(58.70)	260.91
Forest Land	2,594.33	(2.70)	2,591.63
Unproductive Land	12,447.12	50.68	12,497.80
Wet Land	282.30	0.00	282.30
Gravel Pit		6.10	<u>6.10</u>
Total Number of Acres Exempt under Current Use			15,638.74
Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use			-4.62

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**Municipal Services Division****Concord, N.H. 03302-1122****1996 Tax Rate Calculation**

		Tax Rates	
Town/City of: WENTWORTH			
Appropriations	526,651		
Less: Revenues	430,794		
Less: Shared Revenues	3,879		
Add: Overlay	5,738		
War Service Credits	<u>2,850</u>		
Net Town Appropriation	100,566		
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort		100,566	
Municipal Tax Rate			1.77
-- School Portion --			
Due to Local School	487,353		
Due to Regional School	263,578		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>8,073</u>		
Net School Appropriation	742,858		
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		742,858	
School(s) Tax Rate			13.11
-- County Portion --			
Due to County	69,735		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>642</u>		
Net County Appropriation	69,093		
Special Adjustment	<u>0</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		69,093	
County Tax Rate			<u>1.22</u>
Combined Tax Rate			16.10
Total Property Taxes Assessed		912,517	

-- Commitment Analysis --

Total Property Taxes Assessed	912,517
Less: War Service Credits	(2,850)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	<u>0</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	<u>909,667</u> =====

-- Proof of Rate --

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
56,678,129	16.10	912,517

1996 Bond Requirement

Treasurer:	54,000 Tax Collector:	52,000
Town Clerk:	10,000 Trustees of Trust Funds:	33,000

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996**

Receipts:

Vehicle Registrations	\$67,825.00
Certified Title Applications	326.00
Dog Licenses	662.00
Filing Fees	<u>7.00</u>

Total	\$68,820.00
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Payments:

Paid to the Town Treasurer	\$68,820.00
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Marriages	4
Births	4
Deaths	5

Submitted by:
Linda Brown
Town Clerk of Wentworth, N.H.

BIRTHS - TOWN OF WENTWORTH, NH 1996

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER AND MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
March 20, 1996	Nicholas Cooper Brown	Timothy J. Brown Billie Jo Zimmer
May 5, 1996	Tristan Leigh Amburg	Robert J. Amburg Diane E. Moorhead
June 5, 1996	Ashley Reba Corrow	Craig A. Corrow Elizabeth A. Goodwin
September 9, 1996	Alex Winslow Rand	Winslow C. Rand Heather L. Shinn

DEATHS - TOWN OF WENTWORTH, NH 1996

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE
January 11, 1996	Kenneth R. Bates	94
January 31, 1996	Robert W. Farnsworth	65
April 24, 1996	Thomas M. Fraser, Jr.	68
July 6, 1996	Catherine F. Ballard	88
December 18, 1996	Dawn Van Deusen	79

MARRIAGES - TOWN OF WENTWORTH, NH 1996

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME OF GROOM MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
August 3, 1996	Chierichetti, Roland P. Gove, Karla Jean	Franklin, N.H.
August 10, 1996	Williams, Davy B. Roy, Audrey Marie	Wentworth, N.H.
September 7, 1996	Burt, Floyd W. Rice, Janet F.	Ossipee, N.H.
September 14, 1996	Sackett, William P. Boutin, Billie Jo	Warren, N.H.

PAST DUE TAXES

	1994	1995
Allen, Douglas		248.55
Ames, Jeffry	555.75	670.97
Anderson, Robert M. & Claudia	1,009.72	1,032.14
Baker, Edward C. & Paula L.		1,517.14
Blodgett, Russell & Katrina	1,664.52	1,637.52
Brown, Kent	1,150.94	912.09
Brown, Kim	1,597.17	802.04
Brown, Richard S. & Kerry A.	925.51	1,488.33
Brown, Richard, Craig & David	794.41	1,380.07
Cadwell-Moffatt, Barbara E.	2,788.45	3,867.69
Coleman, Roy & Catherine	1,349.67	1,324.28
Corrow, Craig A. & Elizabeth		2,350.87
Fellows, Karen		623.14
Fellows, Reginald		47.29
Herlihy, Jr., Richard & Donna		1,065.41
Jacobs, Eric W. & Marie D.		693.36
Kauk, Marie	32.04	4,363.72
Kinne, Carroll & Anne	911.08	1,569.19
MacDonald, Anita		163.94
Meade, Jennifer Peterson	5,525.15	5,434.75
Michaud, John		928.48
Nardone, Mark	449.53	357.09
Pease, Julia	1,474.03	1,448.27
Perry, Frederick B.		887.26
Philbrick, Elizabeth M.	860.01	2,227.15
Powell, Dorothy O.	2,756.28	1,813.33
Randall, Joan J.	1,255.43	1,235.21
Thompson, John & Janice		1,232.75
Tilson, Thomas & Ruth	3,066.00	2,803.44
Toomey, Dave B.		200.97
Toomey, John & Glenda A.		228.63
Tselios, Konstantinos		3,007.92
Tucker, Jr., Bruce W.	251.25	366.55
Weeks, Wayne	290.47	221.64
Young, Archie & Susan	254.94	421.06

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description:

Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 160,000
Furniture & equipment	32,000
Libraries, lands and building	150,000
Furniture and equipment	30,000
Historical Building	25,000
Contents	1,300
Police Department and equipment	24,500
Fire Department, land, building and contents	110,000
Major Equipment	141,000
Highway Department, equipment	72,600
Parks, common and playground	6,400
School, land and buildings, equipment	610,000
All other property and equipment	
George E. Plummer Forest Reserve	5,400
Hobart M. VanDeusen Memorial Land	<u>1,400</u>

\$ 1,369,600

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

	-DR-		
	1996	1995	Prior
Uncollected Taxes		148,233	
Property Taxes			
Resident Taxes			160
Yield Taxes		1,247	
Current Use Taxes		1,312	1,100
Taxes Committed To Collector			
Property Taxes	907,085		
Yield Taxes	13,878		
Current Use Taxes			
Added Taxes			
Property Taxes	3,370	785	
Overpayments			
Property Taxes	32	6	
Yield Taxes	992		
Interest Collected on Delinquent			
Property, Yield & Current Use Taxes	1,316	7,670	
Cost & Fees of Tax Lien		2,211	
Penalties Collected on			
Resident Taxes			3
Total Debits	926,673	161,464	1,263
	-CR-		
Remittances to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	782,546	148,486	
Resident Taxes			30
Yield Taxes	13,101	1,247	
Cost & Fees/Tax Lien		2,211	
Interest Collected During Year	1,316	7,670	
Penalties on Resident Taxes			3
Current Use		1,312	
Abatements Made During Year			
Property Taxes	420	538	
Resident Taxes			
Yield Taxes			

Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year
(As per Collector's List)

Current Use			1,100
Property Taxes	127,521		
Resident Taxes			130
Yield Tax	1,769		
Total Credits	926,673	161,464	1,263
TOTAL REMITTED TO TOWN TREASURER			\$ 1,025,053.51

Respectfully Submitted,

Kae Page
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

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... Tax Liens on Account of Levies of ...

	1995	1994	1993
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes- Beginning January 1, 1996		50,565.53	15,625.75
Tax Liens by Town During Current Fiscal Year	76,905.55		
Interest Collected After Lien	<u>2,104.24</u>	<u>4,015.42</u>	<u>3,839.33</u>
Total Debits	\$ 79,009.79	\$ 54,580.95	\$ 19,465.08

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Remittances to Treasurer During Year-			
Redemptions	23,779.95	21,278.54	12,112.59
Interest After Lien	2,104.24	4,015.42	3,839.33
Abatements	33.89		
Unredeemed Taxes- End of Fiscal Year	<u>53,091.71</u>	<u>29,286.99</u>	<u>3,513.16</u>
Total Credits	\$ 79,009.79	\$ 54,580.95	\$ 19,465.08

TOWN OF WENTWORTH

TREASURER'S REPORT 1996

Beginning Balance January 1, 1996

\$ 305,347.81

SELECTMEN REVENUES

Central Recycling	\$400.00
Checklist Copies	24.00
Current Use Permits	67.14
Dump Fees	526.00
FICA-Refund	272.28
Insurance Claim	12,212.56
Liberty Mutual Insur. Claim	2,133.00
Misc. Income	12.10
Junk Yard Permits	105.00
Photocopies	5.00
Pistol Permits	130.00
Precision Lumber	1,000.00
Returned Checks	61.52
Septic Permit Reimb	.53
Printer Rebate	30.00
Philip W. Noyes Refund	13.75
Plymouth District Court	300.00
Pemi Natl Bank-Fire Truck Loan	58,261.00

TOTALS

\$ 75,553.88

TOWN CLERK REVENUES

Motor Vehicle Permits	67,825.00
CTA's	326.00
Dog Licenses	661.00
Dog License Penalty	1.00
Filing Fees	7.00

TOTALS

\$ 68,820.00

TOWN TRUSTEE REVENUES

Capital Reserve Fund - Fire Truck	26,000.00
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TOTALS

\$ 26,000.00

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE REVENUES

Bureau of Land Management	3,034.00
Highway Block Grants	38,402.25
NHOEM	28,601.00
Reimb of uncanceled check	3,487.14
Resources and Economics	43.16
Revenue Share	16,613.58
Rooms and Meals	5,259.87
Witness Fees	35.10

TOTALS

\$ 95,476.10

TAX COLLECTOR REVENUES

1991 Resident Tax	20.00	
1991 Resident Tax Penalty	2.00	
1993 Resident Tax	10.00	
1993 Resident Tax Penalty	1.00	
1993 Redemptions	12,112.59	
1993 Redemptions Interest of Sale	3,839.33	
1994 Redemptions	21,278.54	
1994 Redemptions Interest of Sale	4,015.42	
1995 Current Use Tax	1,312.00	
1995 Clurrent Use Tax Interest	7.86	
1995 Property Tax	148,486.16	
1995 Property Tax Interest	7,536.07	
1995 Redemptions	23,779.95	
1995 Redemptions Interest of Sale	2,104.24	
1995 Tax Lien Costs	2,196.50	
1995 Yield Tax	1,246.92	
1995 Yield Tax Interest	126.23	
1996 Credit Memo	32.02	
1996 Property Tax	782,529.43	
1996 Property Tax Interest	1,314.13	
1996 Yield Tax	12,109.52	
1996 Yield Tax Interest	1.60	
1997 Credit Memo	992.00	
TOTALS		\$ 1,025,053.51

Total Deposits 1996	\$1,290,903.49
Wire Transfers from NH Dep. Invest. Pool	595,000.00
Less Selectmen Orders 1996	<u>(\$1,915,418.07)</u>

Total Moneys Pemi Natl Bank-Gen Fund	\$ 275,833.23
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NH Public Dep Invest Pool-Gen Fund	
Beg. Bal 1/1/96	\$ 163,402.42
Deposits to Gen Fund Account	515,000.00
Transfers to Pemi Natl Bank-Gen Fund	(595,000.00)
NHIP General Fund Interest Earned 1996	<u>12,479.31</u>
Total Moneys NHIP-General Fund 1996	<u>\$ 95,881.73</u>

TOTAL MONEYS GENERAL FUND	\$ 371,714.96
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Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah L. Vlk, Treasurer

TOWN OF WENTWORTH PLANNING BOARD ESCROW ACCOUNTS

John King, Sr. - Gravel Account #1727478

Beginning Balance - January 1, 1996	\$ 6,336.99
Interest for 1996	<u>166.49</u>
Ending Balance - December 31, 1996	\$ 6,503.48

TOWN OF WENTWORTH HOUSING PROGRAM

Account #1730597

Beginning Balance - January 1, 1996	\$ 16,698.92
Income	1,027.20
Interest	<u>453.17</u>
Ending Balance - December 31, 1996	\$ 18,179.29

TOWN OF WENTWORTH ROAD ACCOUNT

Pemi National Bank - Account #2481463

Beg Balance 1/1/96	\$ 101.04
Interest	<u>1.91</u>

Ending Balance 7/25/96	\$ 102.95
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Closed out account and transferred to
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool - Road Account #NH-01-0250-0001

Beginning Balance - 1/1/96	\$ 22,694.54
Income	102.95
Interest	<u>1,159.07</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/96	\$ 23,956.56

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

4130 - Executive

Ames, Roy	\$ 1,000.00
Borger, Richard F. Jr.	417.00
Brown, Linda	2,551.50
Comeau, Janice P.	237.00
Davis, Stephen	1,300.00
Hutchins, Raymond	237.00
Mahoney, Dennis L.	22,511.60
Murray, Eleanor R.	100.00
Muzzey, Loretta	429.00
Page, Kae	2,573.65
Vlk, Deborah L.	750.00
Vlk, Wayne	583.00

Total Town Officers' Salaries

\$ 32,689.75

4140 - Election & Registration

Brown, Harold	\$295.00
Brown, Linda	463.00
Calderewood, Steve	256.00
Campbell, Donald	301.25
Chierichetti, Roland P.	192.00
Dupuis, Patricia	321.25
Emery, Jeff	120.00
Gove, Lorraine	321.25
Gove, Virginia	321.25
Farnsworth, Juanita	321.25
Morrison, Arthur	475.00
Morrison, Lee	56.50
Stover, Robert	120.00
Supplies	155.99

\$3,719.74

4150 - Financial Admin. Expenses

Advertisements	\$55.00
AT&T	66.21
BSMI	1,125.55
Comp Funds	146.00
Dues/Fees	597.50
Legal Publications	979.98
Liberty Intl Truck	13,397.37
Misc.	347.45
NH Electric	1,083.23
NYNEX	1,089.86
Postage	749.71
Propane	1,868.45
Register of Deeds	336.61

Supplies	1,716.29	
Town Report	2,011.05	
Xerox	218.25	
		\$25,788.51
4152 - Revaluation of Property		
Ernest Vlk	\$907.97	
		\$907.97
4153 - Legal Expenses		
Gardner & Fulton	\$3,795.53	
		\$3,795.53
4191 - Planning Board		
Ads/Notices	\$112.10	
Gardner & Fulton	21.25	
Postage	24.00	
Register of Deeds	26.00	
		\$183.35
4194 - General Government		
Town Sign	\$255.00	
		\$255.00
4196 - Insurance		
Liberty Mutual Insur	\$10,318.00	
Noyes Insurance	11,832.00	
		\$22,150.00
4197 - Advertising & Assoc.	\$674.93	\$674.93
4198 - FICA/SS	\$7,679.80	\$7,679.80
4210 - Police		
Calderwood, Stephen	\$2,250.00	
Chierichetti, Roland P.	2,994.00	
Comeau, Aaron	96.00	
Dues/Court Fees	87.50	
Grafton Cty Shf Dept.	1,210.00	
Hilbrunner, Steven	496.00	
Lakes Region	347.40	
Legal Publications	167.49	
Mobilemedia	301.95	
NH State Prison	227.50	
NYNEX	770.79	
Ply Court Juris. Assn.	1,545.65	
Repairs	771.54	
State of NH	433.98	

Supplies	1,997.00	
Uniforms	546.40	
		\$14,243.20
4125 - Ambulance (Fast Squad)		
	\$3,053.00	\$3,053.00
4220 - Fire Department		
AT&T	\$65.00	
Courses/Training	109.85	
Davis Gas	783.08	
Dues	88.50	
Fire Fighting Equip	1,527.37	
Fuel	190.49	
Lakes Region	3,787.70	
NH Electric	513.74	
NYNEX	353.31	
Repairs	4,361.57	
Ryezak Oil	758.66	
Supplies	215.39	
Wages	1,140.59	
		\$13,895.25
4312 - Highways & Streets		
Equipment	\$8,435.51	
Fuel	2,128.68	
Leases	8,448.00	
Misc.	684.39	
NH Electric	259.16	
Outside Contract	6,030.59	
Repairs	4,435.53	
Road Material	2,819.81	
Wages	80,618.51	
		\$113,860.18
4313 - Bridges		
Materials		
Barker Steel	\$12,945.00	
Burning Bush	3,174.66	
State of NH	13,010.57	
Carr Pines	478.16	
Morrison Logging	75.00	
Equipment		
Debos Construction	3,400.00	
Wages	1,830.63	
Misc.	37.06	
		\$34,951.08

4316 - Street Lighting	\$2,783.84	\$2,783.84
4319 - Repaving & Reconstruction		
Fuel	\$149.27	
Materials	1,166.39	
NH Bituminous Co.	20,584.06	
Wentworth Sand & Gravel	1,275.00	
Outside Contract	19,652.00	
Wages	11,489.90	
		\$54,316.62
4323 - Solid Waste Maint.	\$5,767.70	\$5,767.70
4324 - Solid Waste Disp	\$15,074.53	\$15,074.53
4325 - Clean-up	\$1,375.62	\$1,375.62
4414 - Pest Control	\$336.30	\$336.30
4415 - Hlth Agncy & Hosp		
Grafton Senior Citizens	\$350.00	
Moosilauke Hlth Ctr	2,500.00	
NH/VT Nurse Alliance	1,650.00	
Task Force Agnst Dmstc Viol.	500.00	
Tri-County	850.00	
Pemi-Baker Youth Serv.	408.00	
		\$6,258.00
4442 - Direct Assistance	\$1,378.95	\$1,378.95
4520 - Parks & Recreation		
Bancroft, Ken	\$125.00	
Blodgett, Scott	665.00	
K & R Toilets	682.00	
Supplies/fuel	141.89	
		\$1,613.89
4550 - Library	\$8,698.00	\$8,698.00
4583 - Patriotic Purposes	\$227.80	\$227.80
4589 - Baker River Audio Vis.	\$350.00	\$350.00
4611 - Conservation Comm.	\$585.65	\$585.65
4711 - Principal-Loans	\$39,732.75	\$39,732.75
4721 - Interest - Loans	\$12,159.38	\$12,159.38

4790 - Refunds/Rebates	\$639.30	\$639.30
4902 - Capital Outlay		
Fire Truck	\$58,261.00	\$58,261.00
Operating Transfers Out		
4915 - To Capital Reserve Funds	\$20,100.00	\$20,100.00
4917 - To Town of Wentworth/Back Taxes	\$76,905.55	\$76,905.55
4931 - Grafton County	\$69,735.00	\$69,735.00
4932 - Wentworth Elem School	\$478,207.00	\$478,207.00
4933 - Pemi Baker School District	\$267,918.00	\$267,918.00
Miscellaneous		
Bank Fees	\$21.00	\$21.00
General Fund Checks	\$124.90	\$124.90
NH Deposit Investment Pool	\$515,000.00	<u>\$515,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$1,915,418.07

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Plummer Memorial Trust Fund 1996

Donor: George F. Plummer

Purpose: Income to be divided into four equal shares: one share to be paid toward the care and upkeep of each of the three cemeteries in Wentworth; the fourth remaining part to be used for the support and benefit of the Webster Memorial Library.

Original Principal: \$ 16,200.

No. Shares		Cost	Income
1908,467	Puritan Fund	\$ 3,956.76	\$ 1,487.36
933	Putnam Fund	9,655.17	295.75
970	Keystone B-4	10,369.30	355.74
460	Keystone K-1	4,922.00	218.12
100	American Home Products	2,887.16	626.00
100	American Tel & Tel	6,400.27	132.00
254	GTE Corporation	1,747.38	477.52
345	Bell South	8,396.19	725.76
20	Bell Atlantic		114.40
30	Ameritech		127.20
20	NYNEX		94.40
40	Pacific Telesis		68.80
30	Southwestern Bell		102.15
20	U.S. West		85.60
	N.H. MBIA	38,997.00	<u>1,974.81</u>
			\$ 6,885.61
	Adjusted for distribution		<u>- 86.21</u>
			<u>\$ 6,799.40</u>

Distribution of Income

Village Cemetery	\$ 1,699.85
Foster Cemetery	1,699.85
Eastside Cemetery	1,699.85
Webster Memorial Library	<u>1,699.85</u>
	<u>\$ 6,799.40</u>

COMMON TRUST FUND 1996

N.H. MBIA & New England Electric

Balance 12/31/96: \$ 6,871.90

Income: \$ 479.40

Expenditure: \$ 479.40

	Principal	%	Income	Expenditure
Village Cemetery	\$ 3,275.00	52.34	\$ 250.92	\$ 250.92
Foster Cemetery	1,150.00	18.39	88.16	88.16
Eastside Cemetery	375.00	6.00	28.76	28.76
Wentworth Elem. School (Peters' Fund)	1,000.00	15.97	76.56	76/56
Webster Memorial Library (Pillsbury Fund)	<u>457.50</u>	<u>7.30</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
	6,257.50	100.00	479.40	479.40

OTHER FUNDS

	Balance 12/31/96	Income	Expenditure
Harry M. Turner Memorial Fund	\$ 3,331.50	\$ 328.03	\$
Free Bed in Speare Mem. Hospital			
Capital Reserve Highway Equipment N.H. MBIA	9,473.33	365.96	
Capital Reserve Bridge N.H. MBIA	30,011.68	1,455.84	
Capital Reserve Fire Truck N.H. MBIA	6,689.97	825.28	26,000.00
Capital Reserve Police Cruiser N.H. MBIA	8,630.83	325.15	
Capital Reserve Emergency Communication N.H. MBIA	8,628.94	226.80	
Capital Reserve Storage Tank Wentworth N.H. MBIA	10,658.84	331.09	
Capital Reserve Town Maintenance Bldg. N.H. MBIA	11,500.58	324.27	
Capital Reserve Landfill Closure N.H. MBIA	6,331.45	213.73	
Capital Reserve Reappraisal N.H. MBIA	15,792.47	765.92	
Town Celebration Fund MFA Pemigewasset National Bank	824.59	8.25	

WENTWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1996 REPORT

Thankfully, 1996 was remarkably free of serious fires within the town. This is, the Department hopes, the result of heightened awareness of fire safety and the cessation of open burning at the Town Dump. We continue to urge our neighbors to use caution, especially with wood fires and outdoor burning. Nothing would please us more than to be ready and NOT have to respond to a fire.

The Department continues to move forward to keep pace with the changing emergency needs of the town. We are still in the process of fully implementing the 9-1-1 system due to a backlog of work at the state end. We have engaged in training and protocol development along with the Warren FD and the Ambulance Service to accommodate the DARTS helicopter ambulance. We have added more 4 inch diameter hose to our equipment so as to provide better water supply and we are currently developing plans for dry hydrants to increase water availability. Three hydrants will also have the effect of improving the town's overall insurance rating.

Also in cooperation with Warren and the Ambulance Service, we have been investigating the possibilities of communications and mutual aid backup through the Lakes Region Mutual Aid Association. We remain appreciative of the work done by the staff of the Glencliff Home, but it is becoming increasingly necessary to have professional dispatchers to coordinate our combined resources through the whole of an emergency situation, and it is unfair to ask the nurses to take their attention away from patient care, which is what they're paid for, to handle our developing communications needs.

The mutual aid issue is a critical one. Wentworth is a typical rural community in that most of the firefighters on the roster are not in town during weekdays. The ability to call in outside assistance may mean the difference between a successful response and a significant loss of property or life. But given ever more strict liability regulations, it is becoming far more difficult and expensive to call in men and equipment from Plymouth and beyond in the event of a major incident (such as a mill fire) without membership in Lakes Region.

The new truck is expected this spring. It will be a highly valuable tool for the Department and we thank you all for your support in obtaining it. Be sure to give it a good long look when it arrives.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Moulton
Secretary, WVFD

**WENTWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
PROPOSED BUDGET 1997**

Electric	\$750
Telephone	500
Fuel	1,200
Building Maintenance	750
Truck Operating Expense	500
Truck Maintenance	2,000
Training	750
Contracts and Dues	400
Supplies	100
Equipment Maintenance	2,400
New Equipment	2,400
Incentive Pay	1,000
Hydrant	1,000
Communications	<u>4,500</u>
TOTAL	\$18,250

WENTWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1996 INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

DATE	LOCATION/UNITS/TYPE OF CALL
01/03	Town of Ellsworth; 42M1; mutual aid
01/06	Warren; mutual aid/chimney fire standby
01/09	Wentworth Elementary; 42M1; false alarm
01/09	Wentworth Location; wrongful dispatch
01/09	W. Rumney; D. Chief/pvt vehicle; mutual aid/false
01/14	Warren; 42M1; mutual aid/chimney fire
01/14	E. Vlk residence; 42M2; chimney fire
02/18	Warren; Hildreth Dam area, mutual aid standby
02/21	C. Collcheck residence; 42M1, T1; hazardous condition/smoke
02/25	DuFour Rd.; 42M2; hazardous condition/tree on power line
03/04	Arthur Heath residence, Warren; chimney fire standby
03/30	Rumney Station; 42M1; mutual aid coverage
04/08	Rte. 118, Dorchester; 42M2; mutual aid/motor vehicle accident
04/08	Buffalo Rd.; 42M2; hazardous condition/power line down
04/16	Emergency Operations Center opened due to flooding
04/26	Rte. 25A; 42M2, T1; hazardous condition/power line down
05/05	Rowentown Rd.; Capt/pvt vehicle; MVA
05/07	Wentworth dump; 42M2, T1; brush/forest fire
05/08	National Forest, Glencliff; 42M1; forest fire
05/18	Russell School, Rumney; 42M1; mutual aid/structure fire
05/25	Benton/Glencliff; D. Chief and PD; mutual aid/MVA
05/27	Rte. 118, Warren; MVA standby
05/30	Rte. 25 and Village Rd.; 42M2; hazardous condition/sign down
06/13	Rte. 25A; 42M2; MVA
06/27	Rte. 25A; Capt/PD; hazardous condition, limb down
08/22	Wentworth ball field; 42M2; assist EMS, DARTS helicopter
10/04	King Forest Industries; 42Ms; MVA
10/18	Wentworth Elementary; 42M2; fire safety presentation
10/21	Buffalo Rd.; Chief/pvt vehicle; hazardous condition, tree on power line
10/21	Emergency Operations Center opened due to flooding
12/18	Rte. 25; 42M2; MVA
12/26	Arthur Heath residence, Warren; 42M1; mutual aid/chimney fire

1996 WENTWORTH POLICE REPORT

The Wentworth Police had a remarkably busy year in 1996, dealing with a variety of issues. We dealt with just under 250 cases and logged more than 580 man-hours dealing with Law Enforcement concerns within the town.

Burglaries and break-ins were on the increase in 1996. Although these are tough to guard against, I would suggest that everyone report any strange vehicles or suspicious persons in their neighborhood immediately. Statistically, most burglaries and break-ins occur during daylight hours, and go undetected and never reported.

In late 1995, a phone-line and dispatch service was established to make better contact with the Police Department for those in need of service. This service also forwards calls to the State Police when no local units are available. In a town the size of ours, it is next to impossible to provide the town full-time coverage, and we are grateful to the N.H. State Police for being there when we cannot.

I would ask that everyone with police department issues please call the Dispatch number at 764-5911, as they are available 24 hours a day and will direct your call to the appropriate officer. Calling the dispatch number not only provides us with important statistical information, but it gets your call answered immediately.

It is the goal of this and most departments to deter crime rather than respond to it once it's happened. One such program, which I have received numerous request for, is the DARE program. This program, primarily established to combat drug and alcohol use, goes beyond those issues and helps establish self-esteem and leadership within children at an early, pivotal age.

The Police Department purchased a computer this year, finally giving in to the technology age. This unit will not only assist in writing reports, but will also track reports and keep records of the budget items and calls for service. It has already proven itself in preparation of this report and budget.

In February of 1996, Steven Calderwood joined the Department and has proven to be an invaluable asset to the town. Steve, a Desert Storm Veteran has an impressive background not only with his army accomplishments, but also that of a Certified Firefighter, EMT and Technical Rescue Diver. Steve is new to law enforcement, but his commitment and professionalism make him an outstanding police officer, and one we can be proud of.

The Wentworth Police Department would like to purchase a new patrol vehicle this year to replace our aging and cost consuming cruiser. A vehicle that we are particularly interested in is that of a sport utility type. We feel this would best meet our needs and allow us to respond safely during any condition.

In closing, this department would like to formally thank those who gave of themselves in assisting and providing support in the search for the Lear jet that

disappeared and presumed crashed last December. It is people that are willing to put aside their own lives and lend a hand to those in need, such as yourselves, that make this community so special and a great place to call home.

Respectfully,

R. P. Chierichetti
Chief of Police

WENTWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT 1996 EXPENDITURES

Labor & Wages	\$ 4,669.19
Fuel	433.98
Cruiser: Repairs & Equipment	999.04
Communications	2,630.14
Prosecutor	1,545.65
Support Services	274.50
Ammunition, Publications & Office Equipment	2,341.44
Equipment & Uniform Supplies	546.40
TOTAL	\$ 13,440.34

WENTWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT 1997 PROPOSED BUDGET

Labor & Wages	\$ 6,250.00
Fuel	645.00
Cruiser: Repairs & Equipment	550.00
Communications	2,553.95
Prosecutor	1,369.94
Support Services	1,800.50
Ammunition, Publications & Office Equipment	1,350.00
Equipment & Uniform Supplies	800.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,319.39

1996 WENTWORTH CALLS FOR SERVICE HANDLED BY THE WENTWORTH POLICE

Abandoned Property	2
Animal Complaint	6
Assist Fire Department	1
Attempted Suicide	1
Bad Checks	2
Burglary	8
Child Neglect	1
Civil Standby	2
Criminal Mischief	4
Criminal Threatening	3
Death Notification	2
Disorderly Conduct	2
Domestic Disturbance	6
House Alarms	4
Illegal Dumping	1
Medical Assists	8
Minors in Possession	1
Mutual Aid	5
Paperwork Service	2
Parking Complaint	1
Pistol Permit Checks	5
Possession of Drugs	2
Reckless Operation	1
Resisting Arrest	1
Search & Rescue	1
Simple Assault	1
Theft	6
Unwanted Subject	4
911 Hangup Calls	5
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	88

(Motor Vehicle Related)

D.W.I.	1
M/V Assists / MVLO	6
M/V Accidents	5
M/V Summons Issued	19
M/V Warnings Issued	128
Operating After Suspension	2
Suspicious Motor Vehicle	1
TOTAL NUMBER MV CASES	162

WENTWORTH CALLS FOR SERVICE HANDLED BY THE N.H. STATE POLICE

Alarms	5
Attempted Suicide	1
Burglary	9
Criminal Mischief	1
Criminal Trespass	3
Criminal Threatening	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Disturbance	2
M/V Accidents	8
Paperwork Service	3
Possession of Drugs	3
Protective Custody	1
Simple Assault	3
Suspicious Activity	1
Theft	4
Untimely Death	1
Violation of DVP	1
TOTAL	49

WEBSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

December 31, 1996

Library hours are Tuesday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The Librarian is Donna Herlihy and the Assistant Librarian is Sharon Sanborn.

Our collection includes both fiction and non-fiction materials for all ages and interests. If you can't find what you are looking for in our collection, we can usually borrow it for you from another New Hampshire public library. We have videos, audio cassettes, CD's, records, audio books, large print books, games, puzzles, puppets, and a map collection. We have a wide variety of magazines and two newspapers. There is also a television with cable, a VCR, and a copier for public use. The library receives many very generous donations of materials from area residents. This helps stretch our budget tremendously and we would again like to express our thanks to these donors for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

We again ran a Summer Reading Program in the summer of 1996. Twenty-seven area children participated and collectively read several hundred books. We'd like to thank the Wentworth Elementary School PTO for their generous donation of funds to buy books for prizes for all participants. We'd also like to thank all the people who helped entertain, read to, and make the whole program run smoothly.

We are very fortunate here in Wentworth to have a group of very enthusiastic library volunteers, from elementary age, through junior and senior high school and adults. They collectively put in many hours this year helping with the book sale on Market Day, processing books, filing cards, and helping present programs to the public. We really appreciate their help and look forward to working together in the future.

During 1996, 2,647 visits were made to the library. 6,618 items were circulated. These included 2,412 items from our general collection, 2,674 from our children's collection, and 1,532 audio-visual materials. We borrowed 260 books from other libraries and lent out 98.

We added 475 new items to our collection in 1996. These included 237 to our general collection, 126 to our children's collection, and 112 audio-visual materials. 356 items were purchased from town appropriations and 119 were gifts.

Our collection currently contains the following:

General collection fiction	4,503
General collection non-fiction	6,135
Children's fiction	2,007
Children's non-fiction	1,676
Audio-Visual Materials	800
Magazines	48
Newspapers	2

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Herlihy, Librarian

WEBSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Treasurer's Report

1996

	Adopted Budget 1996	Actual 1996	Proposed Budget 1997
Balance on Hand Checkbook - January 1	\$ 1,790	\$ 1,789.73	\$ 661
Balance on Hand Petty Cash - January 1	<u>25</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25</u>
Total Balance on Hand Forward	\$ 1,815	\$ 1,814.73	\$ 686

Receipts:

Town Appropriations	\$ 8,698	\$8,698.00	\$10,489
Plummer Trust Funds Earnings	1,600	1,699.85	1,675
Common Trust Funds Earnings	25	35.00	35
Photocopier User Fees	100	150.55	100
Book Sales & Fines	50	54.53	50
Plummer Town History Reprint Book Sales (Special)		276.50	
Contributions For Scholarship Awards	50	50.00	50
Contributions - George & Anna Ports		50.00	
Postage Refund		.09	
Chillis Supply Refund		2.00	
Transfer of Funds From Savings a/c For Roof Repairs		<u>488.50</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 10,523	\$ 11,505.02	\$ 12,399
Total Balance Forward and Receipts	\$ 12,338	\$ 13,319.75	\$ 13,085

Expenditures:

Librarian Salaries	\$ 4,784	\$ 4,870.50	\$ 5,000
Janitorial Salaries	458	354.50	500
Taxes - Social Security and Medicare	401	397.37	425
Fuel Oil	1,300	1,576.95	1,400
Telephone	400	392.35	400
Electricity	500	388.34	500
Books, Magazines and Videos	3,000	3,046.01	3,000
Postage	50	54.02	65
Equipment & Supplies	350	466.41	450
Maintenance & Repairs	550	537.50	550
Dues & Expenses	45	40.00	45
Plummer Town History Reprints For Resale		229.70	
Miscellaneous	<u>500</u>	<u>280.07</u>	<u>750</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 12,338	\$ 12,663.72	\$ 13,085

Explanation of Calculations To Determine Town Appropriations for 1997:

Total Proposed Budget Expenditures During 1997 (above)	\$ 13,085
LESS Total Balance of Funds Forward January 1, 1997	686
LESS Anticipated Funds To Be Received Other Than Appropriations	1,910
Funds Required From Town Appropriations	\$ 10,489

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (CONTRIBUTED FUNDS)
1996

Balance Forward - January 1, 1996	\$ 8,867.07
Withdrawal - Transferred to Checking Acct	- 488.50
Deposits	+ 3,000.00
Interest Earned & Posted to 9/27/96	+ 184.07
Balance Forward - January 1, 1997	\$ 11,562.64

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Masterson, Treasurer
Webster Memorial Library

WEBSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Trustees Report

1996

The Trustees of Webster Memorial Library take this opportunity to publicly express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Thelma (Gove) Jordan for her generous contribution of \$1,000 during 1996 and the resulting \$2,000 double matching contribution received from her former employer The Readers Digest Foundation, Inc. This is the eighth consecutive year that these contributions have been received! These funds have been used for long term improvements and have saved the town taxpayers considerable sums! We also want to publicly express our thanks and appreciation to Thelma's husband Rick who made the beautiful replica of the Wentworth Congregational Church and gave it to the library. We have it displayed on the mantel at the library and encourage everyone to view it there -- it is a beautiful work of art.

We, as Trustees of the library, had hoped to get some response from town residents after explaining our dilemma with the urgent need for window replacements or repair at the library in the last town report (1995). Our dilemma is simply whether or not we should replace the existing leaded paned windows with updated insulated glass windows or attempt to have the leaded panes repaired. There was no response to our having this problem mentioned in our report and as the condition worsens we find ourselves with the need to reach an early decision of what to do and to proceed accordingly. We are fearful that the decision, if made to replace the existing windows and thereby eliminating the leaded panes as seems to be warranted by economics, may not meet the approval of all residents, particularly those who may not understand the existing problems with the leaded panes. We again welcome the opportunity to have whatever input that might be forthcoming as a result of again mentioning this matter in this report but must state that a decision must be made within the very near future. Hopefully the window project, however decided, will be scheduled for early summer 1997. It will be financed by use of the contributed funds received from Thelma and the Readers Digest Foundation, Inc.

We continue to be concerned with our existing water and heating system pipes. The water pipes and drain pipes are in the coldest parts of the building and are subject to freezing during the coldest parts of each winter. During the past couple of years we have kept the heat at a somewhat higher level to avoid freezing and at the costs of more oil consumption have avoided plumbing bills for thawing and repairs! Our more immediate concern is with the possibility of a breakdown within the heating pipes which are so terribly old and brittle. We plan to address these problems and hopefully have a plan of action in case of any major faults within these systems.

The Trustees, the Librarian, and the Assistant Librarian take this opportunity to publicly thank all of those who have contributed in any way to the library during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted

Maurice H. Muzzey, Chairperson

Catherine Thayer, Secretary

Nancy Masterson, Treasurer

TRUSTEES WEBSTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BAKER RIVER AUDIO VISUAL CENTER

Report for 1996

Total Number of People served at Center (not including users at Wentworth)	2,778
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Audio Visual Users:

Audio Cassettes	392
Videos	2,457
Audio Books	341
Read-A-Longs	88

Machine Users:

Sound System	3
Slide Projector	3

BAKER RIVER AUDIO VISUAL CENTER

Treasurer's Report for 1996

Balance on Hand January 1, 1996	\$ 425.52
Refunds	24.95

Received from:

Town of Rumney	\$ 600.00	
Town of Wentworth	<u>350.00</u>	
		<u>950.00</u>

Total Available	\$ 1,400.47
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Expenses:

Postage	\$ 18.74	
Supplies	41.00	
Insurance	142.00	
AV Materials	723.79	
Repairs	24.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>13.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>962.53</u>

Balance December 31, 1996	\$ 437.94
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Respectfully submitted,
Muriel B. Kenneson
Treasurer

MOUNT MOOSELAUKEE HEALTH CENTER 1996 REPORT

In 1996, the Mount Mooselaukee Health Center Staff, Board and Volunteers continued the important effort to sustain a comprehensive health care facility for all people in our community, regardless of family income or health insurance status. In 1996, 29% of the patients at the Center did not have health insurance and an additional 13% received Medicaid assistance. During the Year, the Center provided over \$37,000 worth of discounts and fee adjustments for medical services; an increase of over 50% from 1995. Over 80% of the patients seen at the Health Center in 1996 were from Warren (43%), Wentworth (21%), and Rumney (17%).

In addition, to medical services, the Center continued to offer a variety of supplemental services for free or minimal cost including on-site mental health services (in conjunction with White Mountain Mental Health); preventive dental services for children; nutrition counseling; WIC; a diabetic support group; a parent-child playgroup; an adult health education group ("The Moosketeers"); an emergency food pantry; a car seat program; family support services; and special preventive clinics for hypertension, foot care, cancer screening, and adult immunizations. During 1996, the Health Center also collaborated with the Warren Methodist Church and St. John Vianney to prepare and deliver Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to a number of families in the Baker River Valley facing challenges during the Holiday Season.

Dr. Richard Covington is now in his second year as Medical Director of the Health Center. We are grateful for his hard work and dedication to the practice. Dr. Covington is a Family Practice Physician and is board certified through the American Academy of Family Practice. His professional interests include the care of diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, and pediatrics. Dr. Covington is on Active Staff at Speare Memorial Hospital and shares after-hours and weekend emergency call with the other Family Practice physicians on the Hospital's Active Medical Staff.

Dr. Covington is joined in the practice by Jessica Thibodeau, Adult Nurse Practitioner. We also appreciate Jessica's devotion to the practice and the attentiveness she offers her patients. Jessica received her advanced clinical training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She provides a broad range of adult and adolescent health care including prenatal and women's health services. The Health Center has continued to collaborate with the Nurse Midwifery Program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock for deliveries and high risk referrals through our prenatal program. The family practice currently sees patients by appointment Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 5:00, except Monday and Thursday when the Center offers early evening appointments until 6:00.

During 1996, the Mount Mooselaukee Health Center saw over 2,600 patient visits in the family practice and 16 women received their prenatal care at the Center. The Health Center provided preventive health care including free immunizations, lead screening, and subsidized dental services to 117 children under the age of 12, free cancer screening exams for more than 40 women and flu shots to 275 people (the most ever!). Over 75 families utilized the WIC program and 63 families used the food distribution programs. The health center has continued our policy of offering discounted fees to uninsured individuals and families with limited

incomes. We also accept assignment on Medicare benefits including waiving the annual deductible for Medicare beneficiaries. Our ability to continue these policies and to sustain services in general are dependent on the tremendous support we receive through Town and individual contributions, as well as donations of time from many wonderful volunteers. We thank you all very much and look forward to a healthy 1997.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Stewart
Administrator

**VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE
OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.
Report to the Town of Wentworth**

We are very grateful for the continued support Wentworth provides to help VNA meet the home care and hospice needs of its community members. Here are some crucial points to consider regarding the importance of funding VNA programs in your town.

- VNA services are available to persons of all ages and all economic means.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with VNA to decide a course of treatment for each home health care patient.
- Our VNA staff from the Mascoma Home Health Services Branch provides skilled services for people who:
 - are recovering from surgery, have an acute illness, or disability
 - require long term care
 - need support and symptom control during a terminal illness
- Town funds help provide care for people who do not have adequate insurance or the ability to pay.

Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Wentworth.

The following services were provided in the Town of Wentworth during the past year.

	Visits
	7/1/95-
	<u>6/30/96</u>
Nursing	211
Physical Therapy	164
Occupational Therapy	54
Home Health Aide	<u>509</u>
	938

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

WARREN - WENTWORTH AMBULANCE SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT 1996

The Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service has been busy this year with a variety of calls including cardiac, respiratory, falls and motor vehicle accidents. This year we received more calls for cold water submersion and near drowning both of which can be life threatening.

We remain grateful to the Warren Volunteer Fire Dept. for housing our ambulances. We continue to use the old ambulance for calls with multiple patients, back-up when 45R is being serviced and of course providing emergency medical services to Norway Pines Racetrack. Having the two ambulances enables us to provide services to our townspeople and provide mutual aid when requested. Because the current fire station does not really meet our space needs and hinders compliance with OSHA regulations, the WWAS is looking to procure a piece of property where we can build a new ambulance station. This project will be a big undertaking and we'll need the help and support of our communities.

The WWAS is joining the WVFD in an effort to join Lakes Region Mutual Aid Assoc. Being a member of LRMAA will provide us with a number of advantages. At the present time we depend on the good will of EMS services from surrounding areas in the event of a major disaster or accident. Even a 2 or 3 vehicle accident could easily be beyond our resources. Additionally, we would be provided with professional dispatch services. For years the staff at the Glencliff Home for the Elderly has been serving as our dispatch service. We know what a difficult and stressful job dispatching can be and recognize the stress that this places on the Glencliff staff. They have provided an indispensable service to our squads. As the volume of EMS and fire calls goes up, this will mean more work for Glencliff. The fire and ambulance departments believe that the time has come to relieve Glencliff of this duty. And we'd like to say, "THANK YOU GLENCLIFF STAFF!!"

Our squad has been very busy this year improving the level of care that we provide to the towns. Five of our new First Responders have "gone back to class" and are now EMTs. We have EMTs interested in going on to become an EMT-I which provides an even higher level of care. This education and improvement in service takes a lot of dedication, time and effort. None of the WWAS members receive any compensation for their time or service, this is unusual even in rural areas. Why do we do this?? We enjoy providing EMS care and get satisfaction knowing that we have helped someone in need and maybe even saved a life. While we have grown a little we can always use more help. As always, I urge anyone who is interested in this field to contact any member and join us.

This year our members have attended a number of informative educational programs: Emergency Pediatric Care, Pre-Hospital Trauma Care, Incident Command on Terrorism, D-HART services (helicopter med-evac); plus many more. We have had a member of the D-HART team come to us and present a program to the WWAS, WVFD and Wentworth Fire Dept. The technology advances of today are staggering and demand constant upgrading of equipment and training. All of this upgrading of services and education is costly. The cost of equipment and supplies continues to rise, especially with the use of disposable items to meet OSHA standards.

The WWAS is still looking for people to assist in the field of fundraising. The current members do not have additional time to coordinate and run fundraising events. The only such event that we hold is the annual Penny Social. Even this takes an extraordinary amount of time and energy. If you would like to help the WWAS but don't feel that you are "cut out for" emergency care, please consider the fields of fundraising or publicity.

Thank you.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the WWAS for all of the hours of service, be it responding to calls, taking part in continuing education, or serving as various officers. I would especially like to thank the outgoing officers for their years of dedication and service. Without them, the WWAS would not be providing the excellent level of care that it currently does. It is a testament to their dedication and caring that they have remained on the squad. THANKS, GUYS!!! Thanks also go to the members of the WVFD and WFD for the assistance that they have given us at motor vehicle accidents and in many other ways.

All members of the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service thank all of you for your continued caring and support. We look forward to continuing to provide you with quality EMS services.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Erickson, RN, EMT
President WWAS

Warren/Wentworth Ambulance Service Run Stats

	<u>Warren</u>	<u>Wentworth</u>	<u>Norway Pines</u>	<u>Glenciff</u>	<u>Glenciff Home</u>	<u>Mutual Aid</u>
Jan '96	1	3	0	0	1	0
Feb '96	6	1	0	0	3	0
Mar '96	5	1	0	0	0	0
Apr '96	6	8	0	0	1	0
May '96	6	3	0	2	2	3
Jun '96	6	5	2	0	0	0
Jul '96	7	6	5	1	0	0
Aug '96	3	3	2	0	2	0
Sep '96	7	2	0	0	2	0
Oct '96	5	5	0	0	1	0
Nov '96	4	0	0	1	1	1
Dec '96	5	3	0	2	6	0
Totals:	61	40	9	6	19	4
Total Runs:	139					

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	<u>Cardiac</u>	<u>Resp.</u>	<u>Other Medical</u>	<u>MVA</u>	<u>Other Trauma</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
Jan '96	2	0	3	0	0	0
Feb '96	3	3	2	0	2	0
Mar '96	1	2	1	0	2	0
Apr '96	2	3	3	3	1	3
May '96	3	1	3	4	5	0
June '96	3	3	1	3	2	1
Jul '96	6	2	5	0	5	1
Aug '96	1	3	1	3	2	0
Sep '96	2	3	3	1	2	0
Oct '96	0	2	6	1	2	0
Nov '96	2	1	2	0	2	0
Dec '96	5	1	4	3	1	2
Totals:	30	24	34	18	26	7
Total Runs:	139					

WARREN-WENTWORTH AMBULANCE

1996 TREASURER'S REPORT

Savings Account

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 13,341.40
Deposits:	
Insurance payments	11,264.45
From towns	3,053.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Interest	479.15
Withdrawal:	
Transfer to checking	3,500.00
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$24,838.00

Checking Account

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 525.36
Deposits:	
Insurance payments	2,531.62
From towns	1,500.00
Norway Pines	1,500.00
Tee shirt sales	2,147.10
Transfer from HiFi	5,000.00
Transfer from savings	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	267.50
Interest	18.14
Expenses:	
Ambulance fuel	352.50
Ambulance maintenance	2,188.93
DHART supplies (Dartmouth air rescue)	489.60
Equipment repairs	282.33
Fundraising expenses	333.68
National Registry fees	35.00
Office Supplies	337.19
Oxygen	320.15
Squad insurance	1,804.00
Squad supplies	3,672.00
Medical supplies	3,790.03
Telephone	1,537.38
<u>Ending balance</u>	\$ 651.00

Hi Fi Account

<u>Beginning Balance</u>		\$8,814.94
Deposits:		
Insurance payments	\$ 3,570.02	
Donation for services	45.00	
Memorials	1,534.20	
Penny Social	1,651.65	
Interest	202.47	
Withdrawal:		
Transfer to checking	5,000.00	
<u>Ending Balance</u>		\$ 10,818.28

**WENTWORTH PLANNING BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996**

Although we had several inquiries regarding the rules and regulations for subdivisions, the Planning Board received, reviewed and approved only one application for a minor subdivision in 1996

Expenditures were limited to postage and publishing of notices.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Gowen
Chairperson

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

This has been a very busy year at the Council. We completed 53 local and regional projects and were directly responsible for the investment of \$7.0 million in local infrastructure projects by federal or state funding sources. In cooperation with the NH Department of Transportation, the Council was involved in the development and implementation of \$16.5 million of transportation projects on the Ten Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). NCC was called upon many times each day to provide local technical advice, be "on call" for our members, respond to questions or provide guidance to land use boards, development corporations, boards of selectmen, chambers of commerce and civic groups. There are over 300 of these local bodies in the region and this last year saw us interacting with most of them at least once and many of them on numerous occasions. In addition, we convened numerous meetings, hearings and informational sessions on regional environmental, regulatory, development, permitting and public policy issues. Similarly, we provided advice, technical assistance and guidance on a weekly basis to businesses, public agencies and non-profit corporations. This last year, we responded to more than 200 requests for data, direction and advice from a very diverse mix of businesses, agencies and organizations. Beyond these requests, we have continued to maintain a regular dialogue with those state agencies that depend on us for a "linkage" to the communities of the North Country.

A new beginning for the Council was the opening of the North Country Council Development Center, located at the historic Rocks Estate in Bethlehem. The Center is the site of NCC's offices, the offices of the NH State Library and the North Country Arts Alliance. This next year will see the addition of another four tenants in spaces that will be ready for occupancy in the summer of 1997. Equally important to its function as a home for all these and other important regional resources, the Center will function as a research/demonstration site, partnership facilitator, conference center, source of market information and communication vehicle for the North Country of New Hampshire.

During 1996, the Center hosted teams of planners from the Netherlands, Central America, the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. Through these meetings we have gained a mutual understanding of the planning and development challenges we face as a world community. More specifically, these visits have provided us with an opportunity to learn new approaches to conserve resources and foster appropriate development, as well as make many new friends.

This year has been a watershed year for the Council. We have enhanced our staff capacity; we have undergone significant internal strengthening and we have restructured and reorganized, all in an effort to respond to regional need. Our goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely,

Preston S. Gilbert
Executive Director

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 Fire Statistics (Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06

TOTAL FIRES 107

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Stephen M. Kessler
Forest Ranger

Brian J. Thibeault
Forest Fire Warden

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District committee met 6 times during the 1996 calendar year. In addition to our normal work organizing the Household Hazardous Waste program for the 11 Pemi-Baker District towns and keeping each other apprised of recycling news and initiatives, this year we also renegotiated a portion of our waste disposal contract with North Country Environmental Services, and organized and sponsored a waste tire collection.

It was decided last year at budget planning time that since the turnout for the one-day HHW collections had been shrinking each year, in 1996 we would try having only an ongoing paint and battery collection program in the towns which have facilities suitable for this type of collection. Ashland, Campton/Thornton, Rumney and Plymouth all collected paint for recycling and the containers of paint were picked up by our contractor, Laidlaw Environmental Services, in the fall. We received a grant for half the cost of the paint collection from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). There will be both paint and battery collections and a late-spring or early-summer one-day hazardous waste collection in 1997. Information regarding the date of the collection will be distributed at a later date.

This was our first year for a tire collection program and we had a higher participation rate than we had expected. All the district towns' residents could drop tires off - free of charge - at any one of several sites within the district during a three-week period in September and October. Turnout was very high in some towns and we disposed of better than 80 tons of used tires.

Finally, we made some changes to the contract between the District and North Country Environmental Services in Bethlehem which allows for District towns to dispose of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D), and incinerator ash at the landfill in Bethlehem, N.H. at very competitive prices. The new contract price negotiated was several dollars per ton lower and will save the District towns that participate in this contract a substantial amount of money over the next few years.

During the upcoming year the District committee intends to look into several options for regional cooperative projects which could ultimately save the towns money on solid waste disposal, transportation, and recycling. Anyone interested in participating in the process is welcome to attend the District meetings. Each town receives notices of upcoming meetings and information regarding the place and time of meetings should be available at your town offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Marghie Seymour, District Coordinator

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT PRELIMINARY 1997 BUDGET

1997 town assessments		\$3,089.00			
TOWNS	1995 Tons	% of Tonnage	1997 Assessment	1997 NRRRA dues	Total 1997 dues
Ashland	650	14.823%	\$457.89	\$86.82	\$544.71
Campton	636	14.504%	\$448.03	\$86.81	\$534.84
Danbury	320	7.298%	\$225.42	\$86.82	\$312.24
Dorchester	68	1.551%	\$47.90	\$86.82	\$134.72
Ellsworth	20	0.456%	\$14.09	\$86.82	\$100.91
Plymouth	650	14.823%	\$457.89	\$86.82	\$544.71
Rumney	331	7.548%	\$233.17	\$86.82	\$319.99
Thornton	340	7.754%	\$239.51	\$86.82	\$326.33
Warren	200	4.561%	\$140.89	\$86.82	\$227.71
Waterville Valley	897	20.456%	\$631.89	\$86.82	\$718.71
Wentworth	273	6.226%	\$192.31	\$86.81	\$279.12
Totals	4385	100.00%	\$3,089.00	\$955.00	\$4,044.00

Notes:

- All weights and estimates are from the 1995 calendar year.
- Ashland tonnage figured based on Waste Management actual 1996 weights to date
- Campton, Thornton, Ellsworth tonnage their own estimate and divided 64%/34%/2%
- Dorchester & Rumney divide total by 17%/83%
- Plymouth tonnage is pre-incineration
- Wentworth and Warren are Waste Management's 1995 estimates

THE TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

On behalf of the Task Force Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, I would like to thank you for your past support. During 1996, your contribution helped the 364 clients that the Task Force served. This includes 58 women and children that were housed at the Task Force shelter. The following Task Force services are provided free of charge:

- 24 hour crisis line staffed by trained volunteers.
- Confidential emergency shelter, food and transportation.
- Support groups for domestic violence survivors. Separate support groups serve adults and children.
- Hospital and police accompaniment. Court and social service advocacy.
- Community education programs for schools, civic organizations, etc. Training programs for volunteers, law enforcement, and other professionals.
- Peer education programs in area high schools, covering domestic violence and building healthy relationships.
- Walk-in office at Whole Village Family Resource Center.

This year we are requesting \$400 from the town of Wentworth to further support our services to both adult and child victims of domestic and sexual violence. The amount requested is based on town population from the 1990 census.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Amy Gilsdorf
Administrative Director

PEMI-BAKER YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The Pemi-Baker Youth & Family Services Council, Inc. is an organization that is dedicated to promoting community-wide approaches which aid in the development of healthy youths and their families. The Council currently coordinates four programs which are available to people in Eastern Grafton County (Lincoln to Alexandria):

1. **Juvenile Court Diversion** - a voluntary program for first time juvenile offenders which holds them accountable for their actions without going to court. The Diversion process involves the participants with volunteers from the community who develop a contract with each youth and their family. Contracts may include community service, referrals to other human service agencies and programs, personal development tasks, etc. We have found that, of the 39 students who graduated from Diversion in 1995, more than 89% have not committed a subsequent offense since.
2. **The Challenge Course** - a 15-hour early intervention program for teens which focuses on issues surrounding alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Courses are non-judgmental and confidential. Teens in the small groups are asked to assess their relationships with these substances and learn what they can do to reduce their use or stop using entirely. Additional topics of discussion include high-risk behaviors and HIV/AIDS education.
3. **Information and Referral** - provides area residents with a clearinghouse of information on regional human service agencies and programs. People with a variety of needs can receive free and confidential assistance on how to access these resources. Callers in the past have requested information on how to report suspected child abuse, how to access public assistance or counseling services, where to find after-school activities for children, etc. The Council also publishes a comprehensive *Guide to Community Resources* for use by towns, police, schools and other human service providers.
4. **The Rated PG Program** - a new program for parents and guardians who would like to receive more information about alcohol and other drugs. The program discusses how to talk with their kids about these subjects without running into a brick wall. It also provides information on what they and their children can do to reduce the risk of ever experiencing an alcohol-related health or impairment problem.

In the past year, the Council: has become one of the agencies working together in the Whole Village Family Resource Center; continued to co-write the semimonthly "Families First" column in the *Record Enterprise*; provided administrative support to the 5th Annual Conference for Parents; and, involved the eighth grade students at PES in the Middle School Challenge Course.

In addition to the programs listed above, in 1997 we will also be: coordinating a conference for all 200 eighth graders in SAU #48 and Ashland; expanding our presence in the Lincoln, Newfound and other areas; and, organizing several other exciting projects in the 17+ communities we serve.

Total service figures for the Council in 1996 are as follows:

Juvenile Court Diversion 27

Challenge Course 11

Information and Referral 122

Middle School Challenge Course 60

Respectfully submitted,

Steven P. Bradley
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1996

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc., is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$350.00 from the Town of Wentworth for 1997. This represents a per capita amount of \$3.04 for each of the 115 Wentworth residents aged 60 and older.

During 1995, 31 elders from your community received congregate or home delivered meals through Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc., used our transportation service, the services of our social worker or one or more of our other services designed to support the independence of older adults. GCSCC's cost to provide services for Wentworth residents in 1995 was \$2,295.50.

Enclosed is a report detailing services provided to your community during 1995. An updated report detailing services provided to your community in 1996 will be sent to you following completion of GCSCC's annual audit. Should you have questions or concerns about this report or our request, I would be most happy to meet with you to discuss our services in more detail.

We very much appreciate Wentworth's support and look forward to serving older individuals in your community this coming year.

Sincerely,

Carol Dustin, ACSW
Executive Director

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM REPORT

Tri-County Community Action Programs, a private, non-profit agency, is seeking funding from your town for its Outreach Program. Outreach provides necessary services for less fortunate citizens in our communities.

In your community alone, we have served 37 households and 97 clients. We have provided families with approximately \$7,658.93 in direct services or products.

We are requesting \$900 for 1997 from your town, an increase of \$50 from last year. We depend upon funding from your town and neighboring communities. Local funds are combined with the Community Services Block Grant, Fuel Assistance and the NH Emergency Shelter Grant to keep our offices open. Local funding support makes it possible to leverage other resources.

We look forward to continuing our partnership to provide essential services to your residents. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Kinne
Outreach Coordinator

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Library Trustees, Collector of the Taxes, and Town Trustees for the Town of Wentworth, NH, for the year 1996, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Comeau

Raymond Hutchins

Auditors

**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the
FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996**

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OFFICERS OF THE WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board	Term Expires
Lee Morrison	1997
Richard Gowen	1997
Angela Comeau	1998

TREASURER/CLERK
Virginia Gove

AUDITOR
Grzelak and Associates

MODERATOR
Arthur Morrison

SUPERINTENDENT
John W. True. Jr.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
Mark Halloran

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Wentworth, in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wentworth Elementary School on Saturday, the eighth day of March, 1997 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see what action the District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.

Article 2: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board under RSA 198:20-b to apply for, accept and expend, without further action of the School District meeting, money from any source which becomes available during the fiscal year provided that such expenditures be made for purposes for which a school district may appropriate money and that such expenditures not require the spending of other school district funds.

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 (fourteen thousand dollars) for the purpose or tuitioning district Kindergarten students to a Board approved Kindergarten program. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,062 (six-thousand sixty-two dollars) to fund co-curricular activities and transportation. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,260 (thirteen thousand two hundred sixty dollars) to fund the half-time Chapter I program. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,339 (five thousand three hundred thirty-nine dollars) to fund an art program. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 7: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,947 (six thousand nine hundred forty-seven dollars) to fund a part-time music teacher. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,252 (fourteen thousand two hundred fifty-two dollars) for teacher and support staff raises and associated fixed costs. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five

hundred ninety-five thousand two hundred twenty-three dollars (\$595,223) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District which also includes the sums found in articles 3,4,5,6,7 and 8.. (The Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 10: To discuss Senate Bill 2 which will be voted on by official ballot at the polls on March 11, such ballot question to read: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Wentworth School District?" (submitted by Petition) (The Board does not recommend this article.) (60% vote required at polls.)

Article 11: To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Lee Morrison

Richard Gowen
Wentworth School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Lee Morrison

Richard Gowen
Wentworth School Board

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Wentworth qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the eleventh day of March, 1997 at 11:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To elect all School District officers which appear on the official school district ballot for the ensuing year.
2. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Wentworth School District?

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Wentworth the 19th day of February, 1997.

Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Lee Morrison

Richard Gowen

A true copy of warrant attest:

Angela Kenneson-Comeau

Lee Morrison

Richard Gowen

	06-Feb-97									DRAFT 3
	Wentworth School District AS400 Download 11/01/92									
	Account Number	Description	Adopted Budget 1995-96	Actual Expenses 1995-1996	Adopted Budget 1996-1997	Proposed Budget 1997-1998	Difference	Description		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H			
56	1270.390.00.01.	GIFTED & TALENTED SVSC	900.00	848.96	900.00	900.00	0.00			
57										
58	1490.120.00.01.	REFEREES SALARIES	1,250.00	1,035.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	Article 4		
59	1490.130.00.01.	COACHES SALARIES	2,480.00	2,425.00	2,530.00	2,530.00	0.00			
60	1490.214.00.01.	COACHES WORK COMP	25.00	22.07	26.00	26.00	0.00			
61	1490.222.00.01.	COACHES RETIREMENT	0.00	24.91	0.00	0.00	0.00			
62	1490.230.00.01.	COACHES FICA	190.00	185.51	193.00	193.00	0.00			
63	1490.260.00.01.	COACHES UNEMPLOYMENT INS.	26.00	21.08	20.00	20.00	0.00			
64	1490.610.00.01.	COACHES SUPPLIES	650.00	875.99	500.00	500.00	0.00			
65	1490.742.00.01.	COACHES REPLAC EQUIPMENT	250.00	291.18	300.00	300.00	0.00			
66	1490.810.00.01.	COACHES DUES	68.00	72.00	68.00	68.00	0.00			
67			\$4,939.00	\$4,952.74	\$4,637.00	\$4,637.00	\$0.00			
68										
69										
70	2122.310.00.01.	GUIDANCE SERVICES	500.00	1,920.00	500.00	500.00	0.00			
71										
72	2134.110.00.01.	NURSE'S SALARY	3,532.00	3,532.00	3,532.00	7,085.00	3,553.00	additional day - 2 days per week Articles 8 and 9		
73	2134.214.00.01.	NURSE'S WORK COMPENSATION	35.00	31.43	35.00	71.00	36.00			
74	2134.230.00.01.	NURSE'S FICA	270.00	270.14	270.00	542.00	272.00			
75	2134.260.00.01.	NURSE'S UNEMPLOY INSURANC	28.00	30.02	28.00	57.00	29.00			
76	2134.440.00.01.	HEALTH REPAIRS & MAINT.	40.00	34.50	0.00	0.00	0.00			
77	2134.522.00.01.	NURSE'S LIABILITY INS.	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
78	2134.610.00.01.	HEALTH SUPPLIES	255.00	261.57	200.00	307.00	107.00			
79	2134.741.00.01.	HEALTH NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	66.00	0.00	(66.00)			
80			\$4,230.00	\$4,159.66	\$4,131.00	\$8,062.00	\$3,931.00			
81										
82										
83	2143.310.00.01.	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	4,200.00	0.00	4,780.00	4,890.00	110.00			
84										
85	2152.110.00.01.	SPEECH PATH. SALARIES	7,015.00	7,015.00	7,212.00	7,644.00	432.00	Articles 8 and 9		
86	2152.120.00.01.	EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR	480.00	144.00	720.00	642.00	(78.00)			

Wentworth School District AS400 Download 11/01/92											DRAFT 3
Account Number		Description	Adopted Budget 1995-96	Actual Expenses 1995-1996	Adopted Budget 1996-1997	Proposed Budget 1997-1998					
A		B	C	D	E	F	G	H			
145	2314.110.00.01.	Moderator's Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00				
146	2314.380.00.01.	Superv CKList/BalLOT CLKS	120.00	63.75	120.00	120.00	0.00				
147	2314.550.00.01.	BalLOTS &SCH.DIST. REPORT	500.00	633.00	500.00	700.00	200.00				
148											
149			\$670.00	\$746.75	\$670.00	\$870.00	\$200.00				
150			150								
151	2317.380.00.01.	AUDITOR'S FEES	120.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00				
152											
153	2320.351.00.01.	SAU SUPPORT	24,861.00	24,860.25	25,718.00	25,600.00	(118.00)				
154											
155	2410.110.00.01.	PRINCIPAL'S SALARY	2,060.00	2,059.98	2,118.00	2,245.00	127.00	Articles 8 and 9			
156	2410.214.00.01.	PRINCIPAL'S WORK COMP.	21.00	18.33	21.00	22.00	1.00				
157	2410.222.00.01.	PRINCIPAL'S RETIREMENT	50.00	50.18	54.00	65.00	11.00				
158	2410.230.00.01.	PRINCIPAL'S FICA	158.00	157.56	162.00	172.00	10.00				
159	2410.260.00.01.	PRINCIPALS UNEMPLOY INS	0.00	17.51	0.00	0.00	0.00				
160	2410.291.00.01.	PRINCIPAL'S LTD INS.	300.00	280.80	300.00	310.00	10.00				
161	2410.532.00.01.	PRINCIPAL'S POSTAGE	175.00	234.30	175.00	225.00	50.00				
162	2410.550.00.01.	PRINCIPAL'S PRINTING	1,224.00	1,220.77	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00				
163	2410.580.00.01.	PRINCIPAL'S REIMBURSEMENT	200.00	264.75	200.00	250.00	50.00				
164	2410.610.00.01.	PRINCIPAL'S SUPPLIES	360.00	495.68	400.00	400.00	0.00				
165	2410.810.00.01.	PRINCIPAL'S DUES	185.00	69.94	185.00	135.00	(50.00)				
166											
167			\$4,733.00	\$4,869.80	\$4,915.00	\$5,124.00	\$209.00				
168											
169	2490.110.00.01.	SECRETARIAL SALARIES	6,545.00	6,914.38	6,545.00	6,741.00	196.00	Articles 8 and 9			
170	2490.214.00.01.	SECRETARIAL WORK COMP.	66.00	58.25	66.00	67.00	1.00				
171	2490.230.00.01.	SECRETARIAL FICA	501.00	520.87	501.00	516.00	15.00				
172	2490.260.00.01.	SECRETARIAL UNEMPL INS.	52.00	57.88	52.00	54.00	2.00				
173	2490.890.00.01.	GRADUATION EXPENSES	250.00	378.68	250.00	250.00	0.00				
174											
175			\$7,414.00	\$7,930.06	\$7,414.00	\$7,628.00	\$214.00				

WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

1996-1997 Revenue Data

Feb. 6, 1997

	1996-1997 <u>Actual</u>	1997-1998 <u>Estimate</u>
GENERAL FUND REVENUES		
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 20,806	\$ 13,000
Revenue From State Sources		
Foundation Aid	\$ 3,047	\$ 11,638
School Building Aid	0	0
Catastrophic Aid	2,823	715
Revenue From Federal Sources		
National Forest Reserve	2,713	2,842
Medicaid	0	0
Local Revenue Other Than Taxes		
Tuition	4,500	9,200
Earnings on Investments	0	400
Workers Comp/Unempl. Dividends	1,000	1,000
FEDERAL FUND REVENUES		
Block Grant (Chapter II)	2,000	2,000
FOOD SERVICE REVENUES		
Hot Lunch	16,412	50,818
Total School Revenue & Credits	\$ 53,301	\$ 101,613
District Appropriation	\$ 540,654	\$ 595,223
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	\$ 487,353	\$ 493,610

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

	<u>1996-1997</u>	<u>1997-1998</u>
Assessment	487,353	493,610
Less shared revenue	<u>8,073</u>	<u>8,073</u>
	\$479,280	\$485,537
Divide by assessed valuation	56,678,129	56,678,129
TAX RATE	\$8.46	\$8.57
Dollar change in tax rate		\$0.11
Percentage change in tax rate		1.31%
Dollar Change in District Assessment		\$6,257.00
Percentage change in District Assessment		1.31%

WENTWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Contracts for 1996-1997

Wanda Adams	8,404.20
Dana Buck	4,877.86
Kathleen Evans	8,640.00
Linda Farnsworth	7,560.00
Nancy Gable	3,439.00
Lorraine Gove	4,442.00
Tamara Graham	5,096.82
Teena Hammond	7,211.42
Paula Houde	22,633.48
Christine Keating	21,875.00
Daniel Kenney	25,842.89
Dianne Klabecek	22,102.00
Allison LaPoint	6,006.00
Bonnie Roberts	8,404.20
Julia Robinson	23,691.29
Lynn Vien	8.00/hour
Donald Weisburger	38,119.00
Maria Young	3,920.00
Richard Young	7.50/hour
Beth Zelenak	11,051.00

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1996
Wentworth School District

Assets	General	Special Revenue	Food Service	Capital Reserve
Cash	29,526.76	-1,570.00	8,305.00	
Investments				6,486.58
Intergov't Receivables		1,629.66	3,864.00	
Inventories			4,816.59	
Total Current Assets	29,526.76	59.66	16,985.59	6,486.58
Total Assets	29,526.76	59.66	16,985.59	6,486.58
Liabilities and Fund Equity				
Other Payables	1,208.72	59.66	521.00	
Deferred Revenues	2,712.73			
Total Liabilities	3,921.45	59.66	521.00	0.00
Fund Equity				
Reserve for Encumbrances	4,799.28			
Reserve for Special Purposes				6,486.58
Unreserved Fund Balance	20,806.03		16,464.59	
Total Fund Equity	25,605.31	0.00	16,464.59	6,486.58
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	29,526.76	59.66	16,985.59	6,486.58

STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Local Revenue	
Taxes	
Current Appropriation	478,207.00
Total Taxes	478,207.00

ITEMIZATION OF PAYABLES

June 30, 1996

Balance Sheet Number	Date Paid	Vendor	Expenditure Account Charged	Amount
420	7/12	Russell Blodgett	252.440	72.80
420	7/12	D&M Sports	1490.742	87.50
420	7/12	Lakes Region O.T.	2154.580	240.00
420	7/12	Littletown Trophies	2490.890	72.00
420	7/12	Robertson Transit	2555.513	440.00
420	7/12	Cindy Schoenfeld	2490.110	105.00
420	7/12	SAU #48	2900.880	59.66
420	7/12	Valley News	2311.540	25.42
420	7/12	Witter Enterprises	2554.513	166.00
420	7/12	Surplus Distr.	2561.610	11.00
420	7/12	J P Foodservice	2561.610	510.00
Total				1,789.38

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Enrollment at the Wentworth Elementary School during the 1996/1997 school year is 96. The students population has increased by 4 students from the 1995/1996 school year. Grade distribution of students is as follows:

Grade 1 - 10	Grade 2 - 13	Grade 3 - 16	Grade 4 - 10
Grade 5 - 10	Grade 6 - 13	Grade 7 - 12	Grade 8 - 9

Grades 1 and 2 are taught by Mrs. Paula Houde, a fifth year teacher. Grades 3 and 4 are taught by Ms. Julia Robinson, who is in her seventh year at W.E.S. Grades 5 - 8 Language Arts and Social Studies are taught by Mr. Daniel Kenney, who is in his third year at W.E.S. Grades 5 - 8 Mathematics and Science are taught by Ms. Dianne Klabecek, who is in her second year at W.E.S. Teaching Principal, Don Weisburger, is the Physical Education Instructor for grades 1 through 8.

Ms. Dana Buck creatively teaches Art Education. Students produce quality artwork and projects throughout the year. Students artwork has been exhibited around the Pemi-Baker Valley.

Mrs. Tamara Graham skillfully teaches our Music Education program. The number of students participating in the instrumental program has steadily increased. We now have students playing the violin, piano, flute, trumpet and saxophone.

Mrs. Chris Keating is the Special Education Coordinator at W.E.S. She addresses the needs of students through Individual Education Plans (IEP). Mrs. Keating works in unison with the classroom teachers and special education aides to provide an appropriate education plan for students. This is Mrs. Keating's first year at W.E.S.

Ms. Beth Zelenak coordinates the Reading Recovery Program at W.E.S. It is a reading and writing program for 1st and 2nd grade students who need more support in these areas. It is an early intervention program that effectively addresses students needs.

Mrs. Nancy Gable teaches health education to students in grades 5-8 and addresses our schools health needs as our nurse.

Our support staff is very strong once again this year. Mrs. Maria Young is our talented school secretary; Ms. Wanda Adams, Ms. Allison LaPoint and Mrs. Bonnie Roberts are our outstanding classroom special education aids; Mrs. Linda Farnsworth does a wonderful job as our Grade 1/2 classroom aide; Mrs. Kathy Evans and Mrs. Lorainne Gove preside over our fine school lunch program; Mr. Richard Young is our custodian and keeps our school building in tip-top shape. Thank you all!

Leslie Backstrom gives us her time to coordinate our strong group of library volunteers.

Tara Gowen is president of our active and supportive PTO. We have a very dedicated group of parents who work hard to provide for our children and our school

Computers continue to be an important part of the learning process at W.E.S. The students have access to 43 computers. Students are taking a technology class and are utilizing the computers for invaluable learning opportunities. W.E.S. is on the internet and can be reached at: Wentworth@connriver.net. Wentworth ranks third in the state in computer to students ratio. We have 1 computer for every 2.2 students.

Our school wide community garden project was quite an undertaking. On one of our Saturday School days the staff and students planted a community vegetable and herb garden. Throughout the summer and fall students, parents, and teachers cultivated the garden. During the various harvest times many people had the good fortune to benefit from the hard work put in by our community. Look for pumpkins next fall from our schoolwide pumpkin patch!

The staff and I would like to thank the community for all their help and support. Because of the hard work we do together Wentworth Elementary School is a better place for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Weisburger
Principal

Mission Statement

The primary mission of Wentworth Elementary School is to develop within each student a positive self-image and to provide all students with the necessary tools to enable them to acquire skills and use knowledge in a positive, productive manner.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I respectfully submit this annual report as Superintendent of Schools. I have chosen the following areas of emphasis:

1. High standards for all students
2. Crowding
3. School-To-Work
4. School Education Improvement Committees

Our teachers and administrators have committed themselves to providing high standards for all students. In order to do this, there must be quality instruction in the classroom and students need to know clearly what it is they need to learn. We have approached this effort by hiring the best teachers available and by establishing quality K-12 curricula. An excellent example of this is our K-12 math curriculum which will be completed by the end of the summer. It clearly delineates the skills that children should learn in each grade and then builds on those skills in subsequent grades. There is no ambiguity. In addition, eventually all of our curricula will match the New Hampshire Assessment and Education Improvement Frameworks as well as objectives found on standardized tests. To insure quality instruction we observe and evaluate staff vigorously and provide positive reinforcement as well as specific recommendations for improvement. The SAU also provides teacher training to better help teachers understand learning styles as well as a variety of instructional methods in order to challenge and stimulate students' learning.

Thornton was able to start using two new classrooms this fall. Presently one is for Kindergarten and the other for Grade 4. Additional space has provided a more serene environment for our students and provided room for the many learning activities that require space.

Three of our schools are experiencing crowding as well as lack of classroom space in general. The Rumney School Board has appointed a building committee to look at the problems associated with lack of space as well as to deal with issues connected with Americans with Disabilities Act and Fire and Life Safety Codes. Much of the infrastructure of the school is deteriorating, such as the pipes (they are rotting out), poor ventilation, and asbestos issues. There is not sufficient space for the school's program in the areas of computers and technology and special education. In fact it is even difficult to find space to have a one on one conversation with a parent or teacher or student. The Rumney School Board hopes that the committee will have a report and recommendations available to the public by the winter/spring of 1998.

In Wentworth the building committee is looking at the need for a multi-purpose room and the needs of the art and music programs. The library is also a priority because it is only available to students a few hours a week because it is located in the gymnasium. Enrollment has grown rapidly over the past few years from 60-70 students to nearly 100 which is a large number for a small school. The Board and committee are planning for a proposal in March of 1998.

The high school has experienced rapid growth over the past few years. This has brought us from about 550 students to over 800 presently. These students have been absorbed by using classroom spaces full-time and changing spaces to meet needs such as converting a home economics room to a science lab. We expect to grow from 800 to over 900 students in the next two or three years. This growth will make it impossible to sustain our

present programming without appropriate additions and renovations. The high school also has issues related to ventilation, wiring and heat. A bond will be proposed at the annual meeting this March.

School-To-Work or School-To-Career is a concept that advocates application based learning experiences. It is based on a theory that students learn best by doing and when they are exposed to a variety of future career opportunities. We are in the process of identifying businesses that are willing to work with the school to provide locations for shadowing and mentorships. In addition, we are gathering information from the business community regarding how classroom instruction can be more practical and relevant. To a person our business community has said "give us young men and women who have strong interpersonal skills, who can read, write and speak well and have a solid understanding of mathematics and technology." This is what colleges want too. They want students who can apply information successfully in a practical and relevant manner. You will be hearing more about School-To-Work and how it connects to the future.

You should also be aware that each school within the SAU has formed a District (School) Education Improvement Committee. Although the committee may go by a different name in each district, they all function the same way. They meet monthly with the principal and discuss relevant issues regarding the school. Participants also assist in making suggestions for improvements to the school, its program and other activities. Membership is open. If you are interested please contact your principal.

Our curriculum is developed on a K-12 basis across the SAU. A variety of teachers with expertise in a given area work on the curriculum with input from college professors or other people who also have expertise in that particular area. Starting this past fall these committees were open to any member of our communities who wish to work with teachers on a specific curriculum. Each fall the subject areas being worked on are advertised in the local newspaper asking for people who may be interested. Presently we are working on social studies, technology and will be starting science. If you are interested in serving on these committees please contact us.

As always I am grateful to the contributions that Plymouth State College makes to our school system as well as our community members, board members, professional and support staff in our schools. There is a strong desire in our communities for quality education which is refreshing and I am deeply appreciative of the support and encouragement that many of you have extended to me.

Sincerely,

John W. True, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Meeting opened with Flag salute at 3:15 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 1996.

ARTICLE 1: TO SEE WHAT ACTION THE DISTRICT WILL TAKE RELATIVE TO THE REPORTS OF AGENTS, AUDITORS, COMMITTEES OR OFFICERS.

MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS READ WAS MADE LEE MORRISON, SECONDED BY ANGELA KENNISON-COMEAU.

VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE, Article accepted as read.

ARTICLE 2: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD UNDER RSA 198:20-b TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND, WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, MONEY FROM ANY SOURCE WHICH BECOMES AVAILABLE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR PROVIDED THAT SUCH EXPENDITURES BE MADE FOR PURPOSES FOR WHICH A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY.

MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS READ WAS MADE BY DEBBIE WRIGHT, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON.

VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE. Article accepted as read.

ARTICLE 3: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$17,000 (SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) TO PURCHASE A SYNTHETIC FLOOR FOR THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS READ WAS MADE BY ANGELA KENNISON-COMEAU, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON.

PAPER BALLOT: VOTES CAST	62
# YES 40 #NO 22	
VOTES NECESSARY TO PASS	32

VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE. Article accepted as read.

ARTICLE 4: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$14,000 (FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF TUITIONING DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS TO A BOARD APPROVED KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS READ WAS MADE BY LEE MORRISON, SECONDED BY LESLIE BACKSTROM.

VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE. Article accepted as read.

ARTICLE 5: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$6,062 (SIX THOUSAND SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS) TO FUND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND TRANSPORTATION. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS READ WAS MADE BY DEBBIE WRIGHT, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON.

VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE. Article accepted as read.

ARTICLE 6: TO SEE OF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000 (TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS) TO ADD TO THE EXISTING CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS READ WAS MADE BY ANGELA KENNISON-COMEAU, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON.

VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE.

AMENDMENT: MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE to INCREASE APPROPRIATION TO \$4,000 WAS MADE BY LESLIE MORRISON, SECONDED BY LYNNE STEVENS.

VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE. Article accepted as read.

ARTICLE 7: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$12,467 (TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS) TO FUND THE HALF-TIME CHAPTER I PROGRAM. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS READ WAS MADE BY LEE MORRISON, SECONDED BY DEBBIE WRIGHT.

VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE. Article accepted as read.

ARTICLE 8: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,193 (FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS) TO FUND AN ART PROGRAM. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS READ WAS MADE BY DEBBIE WRIGHT, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON.

VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE. Article accepted as read.

ARTICLE 9: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$6,190 (SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS) TO FUND A PART-TIME MUSIC TEACHER. (THE BOARD

RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS READ WAS MADE BY ANGELA KENNISON-COMEAU, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON.

VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE. Article accepted as read.

ARTICLE 10: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,939 (FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS) FOR TEACHER AND SUPPORT STAFF RAISES AND ASSOCIATED FIXED COSTS. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS READ WAS MADE BY LEE MORRISON, SECONDED BY DEBBIE WRIGHT.

VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE. Article accepted as read.

ARTICLE 11: TO SEE IF THE DISTRICT WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$538,654 (FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS) FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, FOR THE SALARIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT WHICH ALSO INCLUDED THE SUMS FOUND IN ARTICLES 3,4,5,6,7,8, 9, AND 10. (THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THIS APPROPRIATION. MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.)

MOTION TO INCREASE APPROPRIATION TO \$540,654 WAS MADE BY DEBBIE WRIGHT, SECONDED BY LEE MORRISON.

PAPER BALLOT: 62 VOTES CAST
#YES 54 # NO 8
VOTES NECESSARY TO PASS 32

VOTE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE 12: TO TRANSACT ANY FURTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THIS MEETING.

LEE MORRISON RECOGNIZED DEBBIE WRIGHT FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:12 P.M. WAS MADE BY LEE MORRISON, SECONDED BY ARTHUR MORRISON.

Virginia C. Gove, School Clerk

**WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT
1996 GRADUATES**

Sarah Anderson
Adam Backstrom
Jason Brown
Daniel Edgecomb
Natalie Egger
Elizabeth Feely
Daniel Hinckley
Ryan Hinckley
Sarah King
Nicholas Moilanen
Christopher Murillo
Craig Rebele
Russell Scheller
John Vlk

